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**WASHINGTON.**  
**Weekly Budget from "Vin-**  
**dex."**  
**Democratic Leaders from a**  
**Pen Point.**

**The Administration Recog-**  
**nizes Ability and**  
**Worth.**

**"Delegations of Colored**  
**Men."**

**An Important Conference and**  
**Call for a CONVENTION.**

**A Prediction Verified.**

**What Next?**

It has occurred to me that, as in  
my previous letters I have given  
you a cursory view of the princi-  
ples and measures that have cur-  
rently attracted attention here and  
throughout the country, it might  
not be uninteresting to your pa-  
trons to read something about the  
representative men whose counsel  
is supposed to guide the two great  
political parties. We will begin  
with our Democratic friends:

**ALLEN G. THURMAN,**  
the senior Senator from Ohio, is  
probably in ability, popularity and  
recognized influence with his party,  
the foremost man among his class.  
He is physically of average height,  
strongly built, and a wiry consti-  
tution. Originally a man of very  
fine intellect, he has been an inde-  
fatigable and earnest worker in the  
profession of the law, and has ac-  
quired meanwhile large information  
on all matters of public moment.

He is rated as a first-class lawyer,  
and from a Democratic standpoint  
possesses claims to reliable states-  
manship. As a debater on ques-  
tions of public policy, that rest  
upon constitutional law, he stands  
in the front rank. His style em-  
braces sententiousness, terseness  
and great earnestness. He is more  
than ordinarily free, for a Demo-  
crat, from race prejudice. He is  
notable, while speaking, for blow-  
ing his nose in a red bandana  
handkerchief.

**SENATOR BAYARD**  
represents, next to Rhode Island,  
the smallest State in the Union,  
but he is, by no means, the  
smallest man among our repre-  
sentatives, either physically or in-  
tellectually. Stalwart and graceful  
in person, clear-headed, educated,  
and of polished manners, he al-  
ways makes creditable speeches,  
and sometimes very able ones. He  
is generally very popular, but does  
not carry heavy enough metal to  
make either a first-rate Democratic  
candidate for the Presidency, or a  
first-class President, if the Ameri-  
can people in a condition of tem-  
porary hallucination, should place  
him in the White House. He is a  
very resolute, old-fashioned Demo-  
crat—representing more old Demo-  
cratic obsolescence in ideas, mea-  
sures, and prejudices, than any other  
man of his inches in the Senate.

His voice is effeminate, and his  
speeches read better than they  
sound. He and Thurman are man-  
ifesting a good deal of jealousy in  
reference to the leadership of their  
party, and especially in contempla-  
tion of the action of the next Dem-  
ocratic national convention.

**SENATOR LAMAR,**  
of Mississippi, is a man of more  
brain and more enlarged cultiva-  
tion than either Thurman or Bay-  
ard. Though a lawyer by profes-  
sion and thoroughly grounded in

the philosophy and principles of his  
vocation, he has devoted himself  
very partially to his profession, and  
has made no national reputation as  
a lawyer. He stands in the front  
rank of Democrats, as a philosophic  
statesman—one not merely dealing  
with the political questions of the  
day, but the sociological and econ-  
omic forces that underlie politics  
and government. He is an accom-  
plished diplomatist and seldom fails  
to carry his point. His great in-  
tellectual resources and political sa-  
gacity has more than once rescued  
his party from what seemed inevi-  
table ruin. He is beyond all ques-  
tion the strongest man whom the  
Democrats could nominate for Vice  
President, as he would not only re-  
ceive the enthusiastic support of  
the party South, but would com-  
mand as many votes at the North  
as the most popular Democrat of  
the latter section. His courtesy  
and pronounced consideration for  
his colleague, Senator Bruce, are  
matters of frequent comment and  
praise. Lamar is a pronounced  
Democrat but a gentleman as well.

**SENATOR MORGAN,**  
of Alabama, though one of the new  
Senators, and until lately only  
known in his State, not as a politi-  
cian, but as a prominent lawyer, has  
made a reputation as a man of  
great ability. His speech upon  
what are called the Edmunds Res-  
olutions showed great research and  
accurate learning, and the Demo-  
cratic ideas on the question at issue  
have not been—since the days of  
Calhoun—expressed with more  
clearness and force. He is des-  
tined to become a leader of  
great influence among the Demo-  
cracy. A handsome person, pleas-  
ant voice, ready and earnest utter-  
ance, make up for this Senator just  
claims to eloquence.

**SENATOR HARRIS,**  
of Tennessee, is a fair represen-  
tative of the vigorous, healthy, ag-  
gressive people who have settled  
Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri,  
and in future political contests this  
tier of States will furnish the pick  
and the conservatism of the South-  
ern Democracy, and probably the  
regulative element in the Demo-  
cratic party itself. The Senator  
possesses a remarkably lucid mind,  
a clear, ringing voice, is an astute  
politician, proposing to compass  
political ends not only by wise  
methods, but always consistently  
with the proprieties and etiquette  
of life. He is a man of great force  
of character, great tenacity and in-  
tegrity of purpose, and constantly  
growing in the respect and confi-  
dence, not only of his party asso-  
ciates, but of his fellow Senators  
irrespective of party. He is as  
free from race prejudice as any  
prominent Democrat in public life.

The portraits I have given  
cover the representative, leading  
minds, North and South, of the  
Democracy—the minds that will  
give complexion, in all probability,  
to the legislation of the country  
under Democratic auspices; and  
the success of the party depends  
largely upon the ability of these  
gentlemen to harmonize individual  
sentiment and consolidate political  
action among their followers. There  
is no leading Democratic mind in  
the House, unless you except Ran-  
dall, of Pennsylvania, and Ewing,  
of Ohio; and they really belong to  
the category of Democratic man-  
agers rather than to the group of  
Democratic thinkers.

In my next letter I shall give a  
portrait of leading Republican  
Statesmen.

As I predicted in a former letter,  
the President has determined to  
appoint to office six or eight col-  
ored men from the South and  
he has recently given an earnest  
of his promise by appointing to  
office Governor Pinchback, of Lou-  
isiana, Hon. James J. Spellman, of

Mississippi, and Hon. James Hill,  
of Mississippi. If the appointments  
hereafter to be made shall be as  
satisfactory to all classes as the  
three just named, the President  
will be more than fortunate.

Should the irrepressible and gen-  
erally irresponsible "delegation of  
colored men" be kept in the back-  
ground until these appointments  
have been determined upon, it will  
be a God send to the gentlemen  
whose names are now under con-  
sideration by the President.

I speak advisedly when I say  
that the "riff-raff" who usually com-  
pose these "delegations of colored  
men" have done more to humiliate  
and degrade the industrious, trust-  
worthy and intelligent men of our  
race than can at present be estima-  
ted. It is a fact, though perhaps  
not generally known, that we have  
here in Washington what are known  
as "patent delegations"—that is to  
say, a large number of lazy, shift-  
less, loud-mouthed, ignorant, home-  
less, colored lazzaroni, who lie  
around low grog shops, or congre-  
gate on the street corners, ready to  
be mobilized into "delegations of  
colored men" by any-seeker-after-  
official-fet-things who may chance  
to come their way. They some-  
times appear at the executive man-  
sion in the garb of colored minis-  
ters; at another time as refugees  
from the Southern States; again, as  
colored working men, but in each  
and every case they are "here, Mr.  
President, to urge the appointment  
of Mr. — to the office of  
—." Mr. — is the repre-  
sentative of the race and as such  
should receive the appointment he  
desires. They—the "delegation  
of colored men"—have been spe-  
cially deputed by their constituents  
to address the President in this  
behalf. This sort of thing has  
been carried so far that the Presi-  
dent is reported to have said, some  
time since, that he regarded with  
suspicion the man who comes be-  
fore him backed by delegations.

I admit, Mr. Editor, with pain  
and regret, that this state of things  
is due to the over-leaping ambition  
of certain leading men—men who  
would now be ashamed to acknowl-  
edge the part which they have  
heretofore played in order that  
"thrift might follow fawning." This  
thing began when the Agricultural  
Department was supposed to be  
swinging in the air; and now that  
those who brought it into existence  
have received their share of the  
official pie, this nuisance, like a  
mob, cannot be suppressed by the  
band which first put it into action.

I happened to call upon the Sec-  
retary of State about two years  
ago, and was politely informed by  
a messenger that I must wait a few  
minutes before seeing the secretary,  
as he was at that moment engaged  
with a "delegation of colored men."  
Curiosity led me to investigate the  
personnel of this delegation, and the  
following is the result of my an-  
alysis. The delegation were com-  
posed of fifteen persons, seven of  
whom pretended to represent an  
equal number of Southern States;  
two had recently served terms in  
the penitentiary; three had not long  
since contributed to the wealth of  
the city of St. Louis by serving six  
months in the workhouse; two were  
holding minor positions under the  
government in this District; and  
one—the spokesman of the crowd  
—a characterless, briefless lawyer.  
If this sort of thing is continued,  
and is not properly rebuked by the  
respectable portion of our people,  
we shall fail to receive any sort of  
recognition at the hands of the Ad-  
ministration.

An important conference has re-  
cently been held here to take into  
consideration the necessity of a  
convention of colored men with the  
view of improving their material  
and political condition. Governor  
Pinchback was chosen chairman of

the executive committee, with in-  
structions to correspond with lead-  
ing men in the several States upon  
the subject. The convention will  
convene at Nashville on the sixth  
day of May and I bespeak for it a  
large attendance.

VINDEK.

The election of delegates to the  
approaching constitutional conven-  
tion from a Republican standpoint  
is a matter of great importance and  
concern. It is conceded by all who  
have the party's interest at heart  
that the best material among us  
should be elected as delegates in  
order that our constitutional rights  
should be zealously and ably pro-  
tected and defended; but there  
seems to be a nefarious and clan-  
destine movement on foot by a few  
Lazaroids in our councils, to thwart  
the will of the people by an attempt  
to disintegrate the following of some  
of our representative men, and to  
raise up a barrier of opposition in  
their own fold by the use of a cer-  
tain amount of flattery to the sus-  
ceptible, and by an appeal to the  
more ambitious ones who comprise  
the rank and file of our party in  
several of our large Republican  
parishes closely adjoining us. We  
are apprised of a movement of this  
kind now being pushed forward  
with much earnestness in the dis-  
trict composed of the parishes of  
St. John, St. Charles and Algiers.  
We warn our friends in the coun-  
try parishes of this scheme, by  
which the promoters of it are in  
hopes of secretly enhancing the  
possibility of electing a Democrat  
from that district. To defeat the  
mean, low cunning of these schem-  
ing traders, the Republican masses  
must rally around those of their  
leaders who have proven in a rep-  
resentative capacity their ability to  
lead and their reliability and integ-  
rity as true Republicans.

The time has come when our  
people must protect and uphold  
their representative men. We can-  
not afford to place our trusts in un-  
certain hands. Those who have,  
by political trickery and chicanery,  
shown themselves to be untrust-  
worthy must be shelved. The issues  
that now confront us are grave  
ones, our rights are in jeopardy;  
and that we hold most dear—the  
boon of citizenship, by some man-  
ner of means may be made im-  
potent. We must therefore be very  
particular whom we elect to defend  
our interests.

We would advise our people to  
stand firmly by their leaders when  
they have good substantial reasons  
in believing that the interests of  
our race are safe in their keeping.

**THE NEW SENATOR FROM LOUISI-**  
**ANA.**—He stands to-day the foremost  
Jew in our country, and his coreli-  
gionists can feel assured that only  
will no stain ever attach to him,  
but that wherever are found purity  
of official life, sterling integrity,  
and spotless private character, there  
will also be found the name of Hon.  
B. F. Jonas, of Louisiana. As a  
matter of interest to the ladies, we  
might add that what Mr. Jonas will  
be in the council of the nation his  
beautiful wife will be in its social  
circles. Endowed by nature with  
a superior intellect, she is as charm-  
ing in manner as she is lovely in  
form and feature. We congratulate  
the Jewish people in the good  
fortune of having two such worthy  
representatives at the seat of gov-  
ernment.—Cincinnati Israelite.

**THE HONORABLE** announces  
the death of Mr. J. B. Lureau at  
the age of 106 years. Mr. Lureau  
was, in youth, a soldier under Na-  
poleon, who promoted him for gal-  
lantry at Arcola bridge to the grade  
of sub-lieutenant. Mr. Lureau  
served in the siege of St. Jean  
d'Arce, and won the grade of cap-  
tain at the battle of Abonkir.

**PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY.**

An eastern exchange calls atten-  
tion to the fact that in Missouri the  
winters are short, fuel abundant  
and cheap; that stock needs little  
feeding during the winter months.  
And yet Michigan, Wisconsin and  
Minnesota, with soil no more pro-  
ductive, with hard winter weather  
for six months of the twelve, where  
cattle must be well sheltered and  
fed and watered twice a day by  
hand, and where it is difficult to  
keep warm indoors, are filling up  
rapidly with people hunting new  
homes—farmers who seem to prefer  
a country where the extreme cold  
shuts them indoors one half the  
year. This is, after all, a matter of  
habit and education. The people  
in the northwest do not grow live  
stock to any considerable extent.  
Their staple is wheat, which is pro-  
tected by the snow that covers the  
ground from the beginning of the  
winter till the close of that season.  
Missouri must expect her incoming  
population from about the same  
latitude eastward. It is a very rare  
thing for the human animal to  
change from one thermal zone to  
another.—Times Journal.

If the Missouri editor will exam-  
ine a good map of the thermal  
zones he will find nearly all of Illi-  
nois, Indiana, Kentucky, West Vir-  
ginia and Virginia in the same  
thermal zone as Missouri. So, also,  
part of Ireland, England, Spain,  
Portugal, Austria, Italy, Hun-  
gary and European Turkey, China  
and Japan. The other States lie  
in the same thermal zone as  
northern New England, England  
and Scotland, with one half of Ire-  
land, Germany and Russia. An  
emigrant from New York or Penn-  
sylvania goes just about as far  
north of his native thermal zone by  
going to Wisconsin, or South of it,  
by going to Missouri. So the ques-  
tion comes up: Why does he pre-  
fer to go 100 miles north of his  
thermal zone rather than 100 miles  
south of it? Thermal zones will  
not subserve the Missouri editor's  
purpose. Missouri has the thermal  
attractions, but the Northern States  
have churches, schools and civiliza-  
tion. The human animal very  
rarely changes from one zone of  
civilization to another, except for  
the better.

**A COLORED MEN'S NATIONAL CON-**  
**VENTION CALLED.**—Last evening a  
meeting of representative colored  
men was held at the residence of  
Mr. F. C. Revels, on L street, at  
which were present ex-Senator  
Pinchback, Messrs. Harris, Lynch  
and others, representing Louisiana,  
South Carolina, Georgia and other  
Southern States. The present con-  
dition of the colored people in  
those States was considered, and  
the propriety of calling a conven-  
tion of the representative colored  
men of the country, for the pur-  
pose of making the country ac-  
quainted with their condition, their  
wants, etc., was discussed. There  
was a discussion also as to the time  
and place for the convention, and it  
was finally agreed to call the con-  
vention at Nashville, Tenn., on the  
6th day of May next, and a draft of  
call was adopted.—Washington  
Star.

**COLORED MEN FROM LOUISIANA.**—  
Ex-Gov. Antoine, ex-Superintend-  
ent of Public Education, Brown,  
and Mr. Harper, all of New Or-  
leans, arrived in Washington yester-  
day. These colored men are in-  
terested in securing the retention  
of Collector Smith, of New Orleans,  
suspended in office. The persons  
above named, together with Tom  
Anderson, J. Madison Wells, Mor-  
ris Marks and Jack Wharton, have  
pooled their issues to defeat Bad-  
ger, nominated to be collector of  
the port in place of Smith, it is  
said.—Washington Star.

**THE BRITISH** cabinet has under  
consideration the annexation of the  
North Pole, as every little helps to  
make up a small and struggling  
empire.



## The Louisianian.

P. B. S. Pinchback,  
EDITOR & PROPRIETOR.

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A juror's oath is, just now, a test of the Democratic party's patience.

A free election in the South means just what the Democratic party elects to make it.

American cattle are prohibited in England. English laborers will soon forget the taste of beef.

In this peaceful age, Lord Napier, of Magdala, aspires to be a "bigger" man than old Wellington was.

The President is perplexed about the anti-Chinese bill. Let justice be done, if the Republican party go by the board.

Our collector that was no more as such; but then there's a consulship in Funchal which Jim Anderson declined.

Our national constitution is the embodied wisdom of great men. But then that was over one hundred years ago.

There's a trying amount of smoke about town. They say Uncle Sam is having a smoking bout with the tobacco dealers.

Dandy silk-stockings and greasy short-hairs are having nightly confab. Verily, "politics makes strange bed fellows."

That simple-minded grand jury has once more insulted, by indictment, the right George of a Democratic public opinion.

After the fourth of March the nation will go to the demeriton bow-wow, so the senatorial employees at Washington think.

When our political swallows homeward fly, we may be sure there's no more sunshine of official pap at Washington, for them, at least.

After an era of unparalleled extravagance, the Viceroy of Egypt has commissioned General Necessity to retrench and fregulate his finances.

Bayard's pacific statesmanship provokes a prolonged howl of disgust from our political derbishes in these parts. Now, then, Thurman him out of his presidential chance.

Will the constitutional convention vacate the present State Government? is a question which Gov. Nicholls may have to answer to somebody's bitter disappointment.

When the Vicksburg Herald counsels patience and contentment at home for colored men intending to leave for the northwest, it is about time to ask what lasting friendship there be between a wolf and a lamb.

We note with pleasure in the past that as the various legislatures assemble the claims of colored men are finding some recognition. The Wisconsin legislature elected a colored sergeant-at-arms; the Illinois legislature, a colored doorkeeper; the Kansas legislature elected a doorkeeper Mr. W. L. Engleson of the Colored Citizen. These are small favors, but better half a loaf than no bread.

## ABOUT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans should be a great city commercially, whatever she might fail to be otherwise. Seated hard by the Gulf, while lapping near its mouth the waters of a river draining the richest valley of North America, and within a few days of steam of the wealthiest of the Antilles, she has natural advantages of domestic and foreign commerce which entitle her to the first rank among her competitors in the country. Notwithstanding this, she is prematurely old, wrinkled and decrepit, and but a pitiful shadow of her former bloom, beauty and vigor when she reigned the proud queen of the Southwest. The most thriving section of the fertile Mississippi Valley, embracing the States north of the mighty stream, have long ceased to pay her homage, having transferred their patronage elsewhere. So unimportant has become this former emporium of commerce that her Democratic Congressmen are unable to exert from a Democratic House of Representatives as much of an appropriation for the improvement of her harbor as is given to second rate lake ports in the West. Why has this city, so bountifully blessed of nature, fallen from her high estate to her present humiliating condition? The painful reply is, New Orleans is not in harmony with the saving ideas of the age which distinguish prosperous communities. Her merchants lack the energy to supplement nature's means of transportation. They are bled freely in pocket to maintain prescriptionists in power against the solid happiness of the colored race which are the true lever of the city's prosperity in the State. When the red-handed murderers of the cotton laborers are dragged to justice, they find in this class warm sympathy and open purse to shield them from the stern vengeance of the law. The Republican party, which has shaped the policy of the nation for nearly a quarter of a century, and the friendship of which it was worth while to seek, is loaded down with opprobrious terms. The policy of the city seems, to be firmly lashed to the huge, dead ideas of the past, as if the South were still supreme in the nation and "Back and Breck" held forth at each end of Pennsylvania Avenue. Until New Orleans opens her eyes wide to intelligent enterprise, shakes off her reactionists and quaffs in a generous draught of independence to think and act without slavish dictation from politicians, who will say that frogs and alligators may not yet hold high carnival in the site of what is now the customhouse?

It is a matter of some regret the Senate passed Mr. Edmunds' amendment resolutions. For once, the learned Cole of the Senate has been unwittingly betrayed into giving away a party advantage. This action of the Senate carries with it the appearance of some doubt about the validity of the amendments; with the Republicans there can be no question of the sound legality of the amendments. If it was therefore the intention of Mr. Edmunds to place the Democrats on record in a matter of such vital issue, the effect sought has lost its moral force, as they can, with extension, on any purely political question emanating from a Republican Senate, vote in the negative. The matter should have been remitted to a Democratic Senate which comes into power on and after the 4th of March. In the day of their supremacy the true inwardness of the Democracy will discover itself as to whether it will outrage the progressive spirit of the country by daring to question the validity of the amendments should the occasion at any time arise for a party vote on the same. We are anxious to see how far a simon pure Democratic Congress has advanced in its conceptions of the rights of man, and especially of the black man. For the sake of whatever is good in human nature, we hope time may soon prove that from its many years of exile, the Democratic party has returned to life imbued with advanced ideas of statesmanship.

## HER CONTRASTED EXCELLENCE.

Indulgent reader, the above heading refers not to some charming woman, but to Great Britain; the Rome of modern times. Bold as a lion and cunning as a fox, she shrinks from no contest where glory awaits her from the arbitrament of arms or from the wiles of diplomacy. Greedy as the shark which swallows as quickly a red-hot cannon ball as it gulps down a fat chunk of pork, Great Britain absorbs everything that comes in her way in the shape of habitable land in civilized or savage regions. Her characteristic love of gain which sends her wares broadcast, from the palace of the refined European prince to the jungles of Africa, is accompanied by a shield of protection in ships of war on every sea and a fearless soldiery in every clime. But no one of her virtues, as a mighty power, contrasts so conspicuously with her many glowing faults as the protection she gives her subjects the world over. "I am a British subject" is no less potent in our day than was the subduing effect on kings and people among the ancients to hear the declaration, "I am a Roman citizen." To owe allegiance to the English crown is to be safe in Dahomey, China or Russia. In keeping with this traditional policy of protecting the subject, England is generally embroiled with other powers. In 1863, she invaded Abyssinia, at an immense expense, overthrew the ferocious Theodore, and crowned the victor of that successful expedition with an elevation to the peerage, and all this on account of the imprisonment of a few subjects. In 1873, to avenge an alleged imposition on her African Fantee allies, she chastised the King of Ashantee, a powerful West African Prince, at an expense of one million dollars. She is to-day engaged in a struggle with the Zulus to avenge her imperial honor for the insult offered by a two hours' detention of two Englishmen who were tramping in Zululand. But millions of Americans at home, whose production of great staples gives the nation yearly the balance of trade, are subject to ruthless butchery, and the voice, much less the arm, of the nation, is too weak to interfere! A sickening contrast with Great Britain, truly!

"The mills of the Gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine" is an old adage, and seems to gain force with age. When the Senate of the United States had under consideration a bill to restrict the immigration of Chinese to this country Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, who was temporarily occupying the Vice President's chair, called Senator Bruce, of Mississippi, to preside. This is the first instance in the history of the country where a colored man has attained so prominent a distinction. In this instance it was a compliment to a worthy and distinguished representative of the race, whose general deportment, modesty and sagacity have won for him high encomiums, even from political opponents. Senator Bruce presided with great dignity and becoming honor, and did not seem at all abashed by the novelty of the scene.

There was an event in the recent gathering of Bishops of the Anglican communion in London worthy of record. It was the reception and treatment of J. T. Haley, Bishop of Hayti, a full-blooded African. He was most cordially received by the English people, and won golden honors from all by his christian bearing. He was invited by Dean Stanley to preach in Westminster Abbey on St. James' Day. His text was from Matthew xx, 21: "And He said unto her, what wilt thou? She said unto Him, grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left, in Thy kingdom." The Bishop's sermon was a noble effort.

Pinchback's appointment as revenue agent immediately followed the announcement that he carried a razor.—N. O. Democrat, Feb. 18.

And it is the only razor which can decently shave bourbonians to make them presentable at the court of king progress.

## THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

The organic law of our National Union is an enduring monument to the genius of the men who framed it. At a period extending from the time of its adoption to the commencement of the civil war, it met the purposes of its creation with an exactness suggestive of it of an inspired origin. Under its rule, the compact of States started out on its mission to give mankind a successful experiment, on a grand scale, of a constitutional government by the masses. The country prospered beyond the expectation of the wildest enthusiast. Years ago the adaptability of the constitution, in the main, to our national wants, ceased. It remains a magnificent relic of the finite wisdom of man in his highest prescience. The momentous changes effected by the war in the upheaval of the social fabric of one half of the Union has left it as unsuited for the present, as it is no longer needed for the future, development of the country. The patchwork of amendments designed to bring it into nearness with the existing state of society is a hollow truce between political expediency and exalted statesmanship. The changed social relations in the South which affect the whole country, call for a new constitution—one which would need to speak with no uncertain sound on all disputed questions out of which have been evolved many of the false theories which have disastrously agitated the nation. Nationality and citizenship would have to be incorporated in such an instrument with a bluntness of language that would scorch out Calhounism and hold the bulldozer in trembling awe at the majesty of the law in the black, as in the white, citizen for recognition of suffrage citizenship in the organic law would necessarily impose on the Government the duty of affording the protection now withheld from us in the attempted enjoyment of our public rights. Till the country can have a fundamental law coming up to her new requirements, the constitution, as it now is, must, for colored men, essentially be a tragic mockery.

Pinchback's forte appears to be to call negro conventions. He's booked for another one to meet at Nashville on the 6th of May, at which he proposes to preside. There appears to be no special reason for such a convention; indeed, its callers do not pretend to give any except a desire to meet together and discuss the outlook of the negro race. They were in the habit of holding conventions in the days of Republican success, and, although the Republican party is dead in the South, they cannot give up their conventions and must hold them, although there is nothing left to discuss.—N. O. Democrat, Feb. 17.

When and where did you get a certificate of cure from your dangerous sickness of negro-phobia to entitle you to a sane and philanthropic view on any matter pertaining to "the man and brother?"

A Pittsburgh paper records the death of Benjamin F. Pulpress, a prominent colored citizen of Alleghany city. Mr. Pulpress was a prominent and useful citizen; a member of the Republican Executive Committee, and one of the founders of Leon Hill Institute, near Middletown, in Washington county.

Have all the politically "persecuted" been translated to a Democratic heaven? For two days we have missed in the official journal the usual eulogiums on their saintly virtues.

The sales of cotton yesterday were confined to 500 bales at prices requiring a pretty general reduction of 10 in our quotations. We give also the figures and report of the Exchange, as below:

General quotation. Ex. quot.  
Inferior..... 61@72  
Low Ordinary..... 71@72  
Ordinary..... 72@73  
Strict Ordinary..... 73@74  
Good Ordinary..... 74@75  
Strict Good Ordinary..... 80@81  
Low Middling..... 81@82  
Strict Low Middling..... 82@83  
Strict Middling..... 83@84  
Good Middling..... 84@85  
Middling Fair..... 85@86

## BULLDOZING THE U. S. COURTS.

In the Arkansas Legislature, January 28th, Representative Miller, of Clark, introduced a bill practically abolishing the county of Clark and dividing the territory between Dallas and Nevada counties, records and civil actions to go to the former county. Heavy judgments of the Federal Courts against Clark county is the cause of this action. The object of this resolution is, evidently, to prevent the creditors of Clark county from securing their money, and the action proposed is a new and novel mode of repudiation. Now, suppose the idea be carried out in Congress by "practically abolishing" the State of Arkansas and dividing its territory between Louisiana and Missouri. Arkansas is as badly in debt as Clark county, and stands as much in need of abolishing.

The bill to repeal the charter of the city of Memphis, we presume, a measure of the same description and for the same purpose, that is bull-dozing her creditors. One would suppose that no good reason could be assigned for repealing the charter of a city, but reasons are, sometimes, "as plentiful as blackberries." Ordinary minds could see no reason why Mississippi should refuse to pay her debts to the Rothschilds, but that eminent statesman, Gov. McNutt, of Mississippi, said it was because the Rothschilds were "Slylocks who held a mortgage over the holy soil where the body of our Savior was buried."

W. G. ELLIOTT, ESQ.

The subject of these lines has passed beyond the bound of time. A gentleman of more than ordinary merit, we hasten to do his memory the homage due his worthy life. Quiet, methodical and unassuming, but genial in intercourse, flexible in exigency, and clear-headed in the discharge of duty, he was a fine type of the old-time gentleman, which, in our age, is becoming rare in society. Externally cold and austere, one had but to know him to like him; and as acquaintance ripened with time, one felt himself sensibly drawn nearer to him. His clever, comprehensive mind had digested a well-stored fund of varied information on current literature that added not a little to his charms as a companion. It mattered not when and where you met him—at home or in the bustling thorough—you found him ever the same entertaining friend. Tireless in detail, exact and scrupulous in every transaction, Mr. Elliott had succeeded by intelligent application to business, in years gone by, in amassing a handsome competency. His integrity, which was only equaled by his high sense of honor, never failed to impress those with whom he came in contact; and had his advice, when once he was a member of the General Assembly, been oftener heeded, colored Republicans would have fewer regrets to-day for mistakes in the past. Though far from having been a cynic, Mr. Elliott was never married. He shrank with marked timidity from entering into a relation which, when the parties are happily mated, brings the highest earthly happiness. The possibility of domestic misery was with him a bugbear which effectually succeeded in restricting him to celibacy through life. His last two years were passed in the office of the United States Marshal as Deputy Marshal, where, we learn, he endeavored himself to all the other attaches by his many bearing and superior deportment. Though he was not the disciple of any church creed, we believe if there be a resting place for those who exercise virtue here below, W. G. Elliott has entered into that happy region of the blest.

Missouri sends to the Senate Col. Vest, a red rebel, who declares that the negro has no more right to vote than an ape. When he gets to Washington he will meet such men as Blaine and Logan, and by the time he gets two or three good thrashings he may have some sense.—Conservator.

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## The Louisianian.

SATURDAY, FEB. 22, 1879.

Who did Hayes "hit down"? Say it softly—they will soon be with us.

Col. ROBERT HARRIS, of Cincinnati, arrived in the city on Wednesday and is the guest of Governor Pinchback.

The confirmation of General Badger and McMillan will no doubt pave the way for speedy new appointments.

"Alas! poor Yorick, I knew him well." Mourn not for him that is gone. An asylum awaits him where close to her shores the Atlantic rolls.

The investigation of the "tobacco frauds" promises some rich developments. We give a few of the "heads" of developments will fall by the wayside.

Did we understand the new collector to say that he had one thousand applications to date? or did he fail to count the last batch received inside of twelve hours after his confirmation became known?

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." Late events have more strongly than words out-pictorial, brought back to us with crushing force the truthfulness of the prediction of the immortal bard.

"Some men have greatness thrust upon them." We fear the President silently repealed the above quotation when his messenger informed him that Louisiana's great quartet had retired beyond the grounds of the executive mansion.

Thurs were little more buoyant on Wednesday owing to the report that the committee on commerce had reported unanimously for Gen. Badger's confirmation. Why did we say the "thurs" when it is universally hoped that his confirmation will be speedy—but, but ain't we minus four?

AND so the Central American Mission will pass from the sight of Louisiana's (?) much-endorsed son like retention in the collector's office and appointment to postmaster's. It was to him as the waters were to the mythical Tantalus. We fear that his political greatness has bloomed and faded.

We learn that a new organization of a social character has lately been organized composed of the younger element of society of both sexes under the name of the "Young Athenians." We may probably give a list of its officers in our next issue. We wish them success and await anxiously the first entertainment.

The President seems bent on retiring a few of our many leaders to the quiet shade of private life, for which we thank him and try to observe that if merit (not of New York) will constitute the stepping stone for future political success here among us, we promise that no mention more of them shall be heard. A hard fate, but necessarily a fair one.

St. CHARLES THEATRE.—Miss Genevieve Rogers has had a very successful week at the above theatre in her performance of "Maud Muller." At the matinee to-day she will play her new American drama entitled, "Cousin Remy." To-night, "Ticket of Leave Man." To-morrow evening Miss Louise Pomeroy, in her emotional play, "The Adirondacks." Grand Mardi Gras ball, February 25th.

The entertainment given by the "Independent Social" on Thursday, 13th inst., was in every respect a most pleasurable affair. The spacious parlors were crowded, and around the festive board were gathered a most brilliant and happy company. Mr. Thompson, the President, in a well chosen and highly creditable address in behalf of the organization, welcomed the guest, and in behalf of the guest we were called upon to respond. The ladies and gentlemen composing the "Independents" have our sincere wishes for continued success.

SIXTH his decision in the school case of Bertonneau vs. The School Board sustaining the caste view of the community, Judge Woods is, in the estimation of the Democratic papers, "most excellent and most learned Judge." Now let him dare next to send any of the political banditti to the penitentiary, and there will not be found enough billingsgate for these same papers to wash him down with.

BEFORE our next issue Mardi Gras will have come and gone. The city has already put on a holiday appearance, for the different places of business are floating the flag with the insignia of His Majesty Rex. Every in-coming train and boat is crowded with visitors to the city of *filial passions*, now sadness now joy—which bespeaks a right royal welcome to his most gracious excellency and no less distinguished suite. As Mardi Gras must be, then let us give a hearty and hospitable welcome to our friends and visitors from the neighboring States. To the happy masqueraders, joy, mirth, and gladness. To His Majesty, long life and eternal sovereignty.

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